

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Fairfax County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

February 13, 2013 to March 12, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal construction project to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S. Army

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Department of the Army at Fort Belvoir proposes to replace existing waterline in the vicinity of Davison Army Airfield at the Fort Belvoir Main Post in Fairfax County. Fort Belvoir's water utility partner, American Water (AW), will replace 34,000 linear feet of existing waterline with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe. The new pipe will be installed parallel to the existing pipe (which will be abandoned in place) using open cut and Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) to minimize impacts to Resource Protection Areas, wetlands, and streams. All connection points, service tie-ins, and fire hydrants will be open cut and will be located to minimize the disturbance of concrete and asphalt surfaces. The area disturbed for each individual excavation will be less than 2,500 square feet in size. The total work area is anticipated to be 400,000 square feet, which includes: material and equipment staging areas, areas where pipes will be fused together and strung out, and a disturbed soil area (340,000 square feet). The new waterline will be hydrostatically pressure tested, chlorinated, and flushed. Chlorinated water will pass through a dechlorinator prior to discharge. The Army has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed project consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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